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The following items were agreed on at the August 16 meeting of the Study Group on the Future of the Pacific Territories:

- The group adopted the draft Terms of Reference after making minor changes. A copy of the revised Terms of Reference is attached.
- The deadline for submission of papers under paragraph 4a of the Terms of Reference was fixed at September 6.

- As regards papers under paragraph 4c of the Terms of Reference, it was agreed that:
 - The United States Government would prepare a paper on Item 4c.1, The Security of the Region and Means of Strengthening it Against Unfriendly Influences.
 - The United Kingdom would prepare a paper on item 4c.2a, Present and Potential Interest in the Region on the Part of the Sino-Soviet bloc.
 - Australia would prepare a paper on Item 4c.2b, Present and Potential Interest in the Region on the Part of the Asian and African States.
 - New Zealand would prepare a paper on Item 4c.6, The Role of the South Pacific Commission, and Item 4c.7, Relationships with Other International Organizations Including the United Nations.

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STUDY GROUP ON FUTURE OF PACIFIC TERRITORIES:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Australia, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, being concerned with the security and welfare of the Pacific Islands region, consider that their mutual interests in the region could be furthered by an informal exchange of information and opinion. This exchange would seek to identify current and future problems, outline plans to meet these problems, and examine ways of increasing cooperation to the benefit of the region's people and the free world.

2. For the purposes of this exchange, an ad hoc study group consisting of representatives of the above-mentioned governments will meet in Washington.

3. For the purposes of the Study Group, the Pacific Islands region will be regarded as comprising: (1) Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; (2) the British Solomon Islands; (3) all territories within the area bounded by 10° north latitude, 28° south latitude, 160° east longitude and 120° west longitude.

4. While the exact scope of the work and the detailed method of operations of the study group will be determined by the group itself, the following is suggested as the most useful approach:

- a. The submission of statements by the participating countries outlining present and anticipated developments in each of their major territories. These statements, to the extent feasible, should include an evaluation of the strategic importance of each territory and a frank assessment of:
- (1) current political, economic and social problems in the territory;
 - (2) current and projected measures by the administering power to meet these developments and problems; and (3) future political and constitutional prospects

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